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Robert Czarnek et al.

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Serial No. 09/898,313

Group Art Unit: 3724

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Title: AUTOMATIC TABLET-CUTTING DEVICE AND CUTTING METHOD

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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

This Amendment is responsive to the non-final Office Action mailed April 25, 2003. A petition for a two-month extension of time to respond accompanies this Amendment.

After this amendment, claims 1-51 are in the application. Claims 32-36 are allowed and claims 8, 19, 20, 27 and 29 were determined to be allowable if rewritten to include the limitations of their base claims. Claims 1-7, 9-18, 21-26, 28, 30 and 31 were rejected. Claims 37 through 51 are new claims.

Preliminary Remarks Regarding Change to Large Entity Status

Please note that the Assignee, AutoMed Technologies, Inc., has changed legal status and is now to be treated as a large entity for purposes of any and all business before the U.S. Patent

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and Trademark Office. Kindly update the PTO records to reflect the large entity status of the application.

Kindly amend the specification and claims as reflected below:

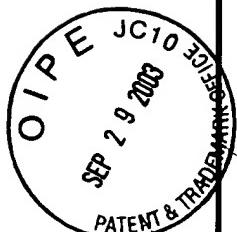
Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this Amendment.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 21 of this Amendment.

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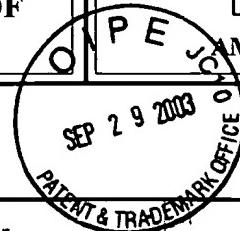
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TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

This is a combined amendment and petition under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of April 25, 2003 in the above-identified application.

The requested extension is as follows (check time period desired):

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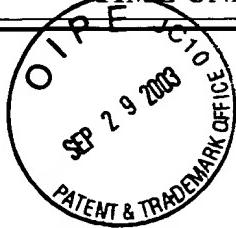
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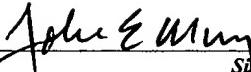
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